REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of the amendment claims 3-10 will be pending in the application. Claims 1

and 2 have been canceled without prejudice to the subject matter contained therein. Claims 3, 5,

and 7-9 have been withdrawn due to restriction requirement. Claims 4, 6 and 10 are ready for

examination. No new matter has been added.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has set forth a Restriction requirement.

Group I, claims 4, 6 and 10, drawn to a method of treating heart failure with S1P receptor

agonist.

Group II, claims 3, 5 and 7-9, drawn to a composition comprising S1P receptor agonist of

formulas I-V1.

If Group II is elected, Applicants are required to elect a formula and a specific compound.

Election

Applicants elect Group II which is directed to a method of treating heart failure with a

SIP receptor agonist. Applicants do not elect a species, since it was not required by the

Examiner.

Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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